

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus separately compressing a plurality of continuous screens of an image signal, comprising:

a detector for detecting a specified object with movement based on said plurality of screens of an image signal;

a first validator for validating a first compression rate regarding a first portion image corresponding the said specified object, of one screen in which said specified object exists;

a second validator for validating a second compression rate higher than said first compression rate regarding a second portion image corresponding to an object other than said specified object, of one screen in which said specified object exists; and

a fourth validator for validating a fourth compression rate higher than said second compression rate regarding said second portion image,

wherein said fourth compression rate is a compression rate having a predetermined size condition satisfied between one screen of a compressed image signal in which said specified object exists, and one screen of the compressed image signal in which said specified object does not exist.

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Claim 2 (Original) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising

a third validator for validating a third compression rate equal to said second compression rate regarding one screen in which said specified object does not exist.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein said predetermined size condition is a condition that the size of the compressed image signal in which said object exists conforms with the size of the compressed image signal in which said object does not exist.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 2[[, 4] or 5, wherein
said plurality of continuous screens of an image signal are image signals output from a camera.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) An image processing method separately compressing a plurality of continuous screens of an image signal, comprising steps of:
(a) detecting a specified object with movement based on said plurality of

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continuous screens of an image signal;

(b) validating a first compression rate regarding a first portion image
corresponding to said specified object, of one screen in which said specified object exists; [[and]]

(c) validating a second compression rate higher than said first compression rate
regarding a second portion image corresponding to an object other than said specified object, of
one screen in which said specified object exists; and

(d) validating a fourth compression rate higher than said second compression rate
regarding said second portion image,

wherein said fourth compression rate is a compression rate having a predetermined size
condition satisfied between one screen of a compressed image signal in which said specified
object exists, and one screen of the compressed image signal in which said specified object does
not exist.